

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: John E. Mobley, et al. Docket: 102419-100  
Serial No.: 10/732,841 Art Unit: 3679  
Filed: December 10, 2003 Examiner: Nicholson, Eric K.  
Title: GAS IMPERMEABLE TUBE JOINT AND METHOD OF FORMING  
SAME  
Confirmation No.: 6693

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fees have been calculated as shown below:

1. Small Entity Status  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.

2. Claim Fees

CLAIM AMENDMENT FEE CALCULATION						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Minus	Highest Number Previously paid for	No. of extra claims present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20		22	-20	\$18.00	0
Independent Claims	2		3	-3	\$86.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims (if any)				0	\$290.00	0
Subtotal					\$0.00	
Reduction for Small Entity by 50%					0	
TOTAL					\$0.00	

☒ No additional claim fees are required.

3. Extension of Time

☐ Applicant requests under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) to extend the Period for filing a response in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

Requested Extension	Fee	Small-Entity Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> One month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	\$1480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months	\$2010.00	\$1005.00
Extension Fee Total		

4. Terminal Disclaimer

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer is attached for which the appropriate fee is:  
☐ Non Small-Entity \$110.00  
☐ Small Entity \$55.00

5. The following additional items are enclosed:

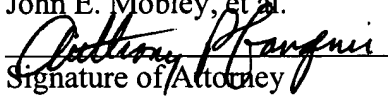
☐ Small Entity Statement  
☐ Other: Return Receipt Postcard.

6. Payment of Fees

The total of fees due under Sections 1-4, above, is 0.00 .

- ☐ A check in amount of the total of fees due is attached.
- ☐ Please charge \$0. to Deposit Account No. 23-1665. An additional copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1665.

Date: July 2, 2004  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for Letters Patent and in response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2004, for which a response is due on or before August 11, 2004, please enter and consider the following Amendment and Remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.